

MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Tuesday June 17, 2008
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
Bar Harbor, Maine

I. Call to Order at 2:05 PM

Members present: Pat Samuel – Chair, Francine Carrarro, Barry Teater, , Karen Baksa, James Houghton (Howdy), John Kelly

II. Excused Absences - David Towle was excused.

III. Minutes were approved for May 27, 2008.

IV. Staff Reports

Group discussed the map project that the Cruise Ship Study Task Force is working on. Clear guides for families was also noted as a necessary service.

V. Regular Business

A. Work Plan discussion

The group noted that the Economic Development Plan should include a list of what goods and services and businesses we have as well as an analysis of what we are missing.

A discussion about newspapers for families ensued, as well as a website. Chris Vincenty indicated willingness to look into this further.

Broadband was discussed as a necessary item for the work plan. Krieg and Teater agreed to check back with the Task Force on this item.

Requirements for hotels to provide year-round housing opportunities as well as employee housing was also discussed as another work program item.

Parking regulations in the downtown was also discussed as a work program item.

Possible reuglaiton of tour boats was discussed as a work program item.

Parking was discussed as a work program item. The Task Force will review the file from previous parking projects.

Displacement of housing for commercial business in the downtown area was discussed as a work program item for policy consideration.

VI. Public Comment - none

VII. Matters for Next Meeting – continue discussions, review downtown districts with staff

VIII. Confirm Date/Time/Location for Next Meeting

A. July 22, 2008

IX. Adjournment at 3:15 PM.

Minutes prepared by Anne Krieg, Planning Director for distribution at the July 22nd 2008 Task Force meeting.

Minutes approved:

Barry Teater, Secretary